

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-11, and 13-23 are pending in the present application.

At the outset, Applicants wish to acknowledge the Examiner's indication that Claims 2 and 3 are allowable (numbered paragraph 5, page 4, of the Office Action mailed October 17, 2006). Reconsideration of the outstanding rejection is requested in view of the amendments herein.

The rejection Claims 1, 4-11, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) JP 2000-085024 in view of Bunyan is obviated by amendment.

Consistent with the Examiner's recognition that the cited art is silent with respect to the silicone resin in layer (a) defined in Claim 2, Claims 1, 7, 8, and 11 have been limited to a silicone resin that is narrower than and more specifically defined than in Claim 2. Applicants submit that none of the cited art discloses or suggests the claimed invention wherein the silicone resin is as defined in Claims 1, 7, 8, and 11, or the claims dependent therefrom.

Similarly, the silicone resin in layer (a) in Claims 14, 18, 19, and 22 is limited to a silicone resin that is narrower than and more specifically defined than in Claim 3. Applicants submit that none of the cited art discloses or suggests the claimed invention wherein the silicone resin is as defined in Claims 14, 18, 19, and 22, or the claims dependent therefrom.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

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Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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